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Applicant: MAEDA, Mituo Conf.:
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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THERMOPLASTIC RESIN
COMPOSITION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

April 27, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

a 4. (Amended) A process for producing a thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the hollow spheres have a mean particle diameter of 5-500 μm , and a volume hollowness of 60 - 80%.

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